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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO DANISH GOVERNMENT CONCERNING
KOREAN QUESTION

REF: COPENHAGEN 2359 (NOTAL) AND STATE 195323

1. I CALLED ON AMBASSADOR OTTO BORCH, POLITICAL DIRECTOR IN
MFA, ACCCOMPANIED BY DCM, TO PRESENT THE USG POSITION ON
KOREA, POINTING OUT THAT MY DEMARCHE AHD BEEN COORDINATED
WITH EMBASSIES OF CANADA, U.K., AND JAPAN. I OPENED
CONVERSATION BY EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT DENMARK WOULD
SUPPORT THE FREINDLY RESOLUTION. BORCH REPLIED THAT THE MFA
WOULD NOT HAVE A POSITION ON THE KOREAN QUESTION UNTIL MID
SEPTEMBER, REMARKING THAT THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS
IS A SLOW ONE IN WHICH THE KOREAN QUESTION WOULD FIRST
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BE DISCUSSED BY THE NORDIC POWERS, THEN PUT THROUGH THE

NATIONAL PROCESS INCLUDING CONSIDERATION BY THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE FOLKETING. THEN THE POSITION WOULD HAVE TO BE COORDINATED WITH THE EC-NINE SO THAT A CLEAR AND AUTHORIZED LINE COULD NOT BE EXPECTED FOR AT LEAST THREE WEEKS.

2. BORCH WENT ON TO REITERATE THAT DENMARK WOULD NOT CO-SPONSOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND HOPED AGAIN TO FIND A MEDIATOR'S ROLE. HE STRESSED THAT THERE WAS A NUANCE BETWEEN THE DANISH POSITION AND THAT OF THE CO-SPONSORING POWERS, AND THAT DENMARK, HAVING REPRESENTATIVES HERE OF BOTH KOREAS, AHAD ALWAYS TRIED TO WORK FOR A COMPROMISE. NEVERTHELESS, BORCH TRIED TO REASSURE ME THAT HE BASICALLY SAW NO PROBLEM WHEN IT CAME TIME FOR THE VOTE AND WANTED US TO REMEMBER THAT DENMARK HAD ALWAYS SUPPORTED US IN PAST YEARS. BORCH OBSERVED THAT THE NORDICS HAD SPLIT LAST YEAR ON THE QUESTION OF THE VOTE BUT THAT FRANCE HAD, SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY, SUPPORTED THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

3. HAVING POINTED OUT THE NEED FOR MEDIATION BORCH DID ADMIT THAT POSSIBILITIES FOR SUCH WERE VERY SLIGHT, ADDING, "DENMARK HAS NO BURNING DESIRE TO PLAY THE ROLE OF MEDIATOR".

4. STRESSING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY, BORCH ADDED THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR THE FREINDLY RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER HAD THE QUESTION OF ROK MEMBERSHIP NOT ALREADY BEEN "FORCED" INTO THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHERE IT FAILED. BORCH SAID THAT UP UNTIL THAT TIME EVERY UN VOTE ON KOREA IN THE PAST 20 YEARS HAD WORKED OUT IN FAVOR OF SOUTH KOREA BUT HE WONDERED WHETHER THE "FAILURE" IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL MIGHT BE INFLUENTIAL THIS YEAR ON THE UNGA VOTE ON THE UNC.

5. COMMENT: WHILE IT WILL TAKE SOME WEEKS FOR THE DANISH POSITION TO BECOME CLEAR, THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THEY CLEARLY UNDERSTAND OUR PREFERENCES AS WELL AS THOSE OF OUR ASSOCIATES IN THIS DEMARCHE. (THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR WAS RECEIVED BY BORCH IMMEDIATELY AFTER ME.) WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS OUR POINT OF VIEW ON THE GOVERNMENT BUT SINCE THE DANES LIKE THE IDEA OF MEDIATION, THEY WILL NOT GIVE IT UP UNTIL MUCH CLOSER TO THE TIME OF THE VOTE.

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